

23 September 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, NIS Committee

SUBJECT: Maintenance of the Chapters IX

REFERENCES: 1. Your memorandum, same subject, dated 1 September 1960
2. My memorandum, same subject, dated 18 August 1960

1. The Chapter IX Subcommittee has discussed the comments of the NIS Committee (Reference 1, above) on Subcommittee recommendations for revision of the Chapters IX (Reference 2, above). The following views are forwarded for your consideration.

2. Recommendation 3.b. As noted at various points in Reference 2, a major criterion employed in constructing the new Chapter IX sections was that of reader convenience. It was felt that most readers are best served by a Chapter organization that groups map appraisals according to basic topical associations -- that is, to kinds of data presented. This is, of course, the same approach employed in constructing the present Chapter IX, with the difference that the addition of two new Sections makes possible a still more logical and useful arrangement. Although in some instances a slightly increased maintenance flexibility might be achieved by arrangement of appraisals according to other criteria, it was felt that reader convenience should continue to be the dominating criterion. In this context, Subcommittee views on the specific questions raised are as follows:

a. Grouping of "Coastal Oceanographic Charts" with "Section 90. Topographic and physical maps and charts" -- The proposed Section 90 provides the reader with a package of all appraisals that deal with maps describing the physical landscape. Inclusion of "Section 90 E. Coastal oceanographic charts" would therefore seem to be logical. A placement of the coastal oceanographic material with "Section 92. Nautical charts and port-facility plans," on the other hand, would scatter topically related material and would associate the appraisals with other content to which they have limited relationship. The Subcommittee recognizes the advantages that might be derived from avoidance of the periodic necessity to schedule for landlocked countries, but feels that the considerations noted outweigh them.

b. Grouping of "Climatic maps" with "Section 90. Topographic and physical maps and charts" -- Appraisals of climatic maps are

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similarly felt to be most logically and usefully associated with those that treat other physical aspects of landscape. A placement in association with "Section 91. Aeronautical charts and air-transport maps" would, again, not be consistent with topical associations. In addition, climatic map appraisals will not require maintenance nearly as often as air chart appraisals, thus creating scheduling problems.

c. Grouping of "Urban-area maps and plans" with "Sociological, political, and economic maps" -- The shift of the former "Maps and plans of urban areas" to the new "Section 94. Sociological, political, economic, and urban-area maps and plans" is based upon three considerations: 1) the new "Topographic and physical maps and charts" category relates more specifically than its predecessor to the physical landscape; 2) maps and plans of urban areas are more truly special-subject maps treating the cultural landscape, many of them actually planimetric; 3) there is a strong correlation between the contents of these maps and those treated elsewhere in the "Sociological, political, and economic maps" category.

d. Grouping of material by producing agency -- NIS Committee comments imply consideration of this as an alternative approach in reorganizing the Chapter IX. The Chapter IX Subcommittee has previously studied this approach and concluded that it would simplify neither the processing nor the maintenance of the Chapter IX and would not achieve a logical arrangement of the intelligence presented.

3. Recommendation 3.g. This recommendation represents a statement of additional action required. All policy matters are cleared as a matter of course through the Chapter IX Subcommittee. The sole exceptions are, and will be, working memoranda that are prepared by the Coordination Staff, D/GG, for the purpose of assuring uniformity of approach by the various contributors and conformity of their contributions with NIS standards and editorial specifications.


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